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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated August 18, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

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